COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **BEFORE THE** DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Bay State Gas Company	D.T.E. 06-36

PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF ASSOCIATED INDUSRIES OF MASSACHUSETTS **OUT OF TIME**

Associated Industries of Massachusetts (A.I.M.) has petitioned for leave to intervene and participate in the above captioned proceeding. Although the electronic version was sent to the Department within the appropriate time frame, there was apparently miscommunication between the courier service we utilized and A.I.M., which resulted in the Department not receiving a hard copy until moments after the required date. A.I.M. respectfully requests that the Department accept this letter as a demonstration of due cause and allow A.I.M. the right to participate in this proceeding as a limited participant. The full parties to this proceeding have been contacted and there are no objections.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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